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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BRITISH DRAFT FOR AN "ALLIANCE  
DECLARATION" WHICH UK CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF NATO AND  
NINE ON MAY 15.

BEGIN TEXT

1. THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE DECLARE THAT THE  
TREATY WHICH THEY SIGNED 25 YEARS AGO TO PRESERVE THEIR  
FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE HAS CONFIRMED THEIR COMMON DESTINY.  
UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE TREATY, WESTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN  
ABLE TO REBUILD FROM ITS RUINS AND TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS  
OF ITS UNITY, WHILE THE WESTERN WORLD HAS REGAINED ITS  
SELF-CONFIDENCE AND ENSURED THE SPREAD OF THOSE CIVILIZED

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VALUES WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH ITS NAME.

2. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRM THEIR CONVICTION THAT IT IS AS MUCH AN INSTRUMENT FOR PURSUING DETENTE AS FOR ENSURING COLLECTIVE DEFENSE, AND THAT THEIR POLICY IS TO SEEK AGREEMENTS THAT WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF WAR. THEY WELCOME THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE ROAD TOWARDS DETENTE AND HARMONY AMONG NATIONS, AND THE FACT

THAT A CONFERENCE OF 35 COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA IS NOW SEEKING TO LAY DOWN GUIDELINES DESIGNED TO INCREASE SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE ALLIES SHARE A COMMON DESIRE TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF ARMS EXPENDITURE ON THEIR PEOPLES. BUT THEY BELIEVE THAT UNTIL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT THE INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL, COMPLETE AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT, WHICH ALONE COULD PROVIDE GENUINE SECURITY FOR ALL, THE SECURITY TIES UNITING THEM MUST BE MAINTAINED. STATES THAT WISH TO PRESERVE PEACE HAVE NEVER ACHIEVED THIS AIM BY NEGLECTING THEIR OWN SECURITY.

3. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRM THAT AN ATTACK ON ONE OR MORE OF THEM SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK AGAINST THEM ALL, AND THAT ALL THEIR FORCES WOULD, IF NECESSARY, BE USED TO RESIST SUCH AN ATTACK. THE COMMON DEFENSE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY REALIZE THAT, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TO A POINT OF NEAR EQUILIBRIUM, THE CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING THEIR COMMON DEFENSE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED IN RECENT YEARS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ALLIANCE'S PROBLEMS IN THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE HAVE ASSUMED A DIFFERENT AND MORE DISTINCT CHARACTER.

4. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THE SITUATION WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE TREATY HAVE NOT CHANGED. WHILE THE COMMITMENT OF ALL THE ALLIES TO THE COMMON DEFENSE REDUCES THE RISK OF EXTERNAL AGGRESSION, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO THE SECURITY PROVIDED FOR THE ENTIRE ALLIANCE BY THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR FORCES BASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, AND BY THE PRESENCE OF NORTH  
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AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE. THE ALLIES ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY AND STABILITY WITHIN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE TREATY CAN BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY EVENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY WELCOME THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE TO THE PRESERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND WORLD PEACE.

5. NEVERTHELESS THE ALLIANCE MUST PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE DANGERS TO WHICH IT IS EXPOSED IN THE EUROPEAN REGION, AND MUST ADOPT ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO AVERT THEM. THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS, WHO PROVIDE THREE-QUARTERS OF THE CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE IN EUROPE, AND TWO OF WHOM POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES CAPABLE OF PLAYING A DETERRENT ROLE OF THEIR OWN, UNDERTAKE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE COMMON DEFENSE AT A

LEVEL CAPABLE OF DETERRING AND IF NECESSARY REPELLING ALL ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

6. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT NOT TO ACCEPT ANY SITUATION WHICH WOULD EXPOSE ITS ALLIES TO EXTERNAL POLITICAL OR MILITARY PRESSURE LIKELY TO DEPRIVE THEM OF THEIR FREEDOM, AND THAT TOGETHER WITH ITS ALLIES IT WILL MAINTAIN FORCES IN EUROPE AT THE LEVEL REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN THE CREDIBILITY OF THE STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE AND TO MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY TO DEFEND THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL.

7. ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF CANADIAN AND SUBSTANTIAL UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE PLAYS AN IRREPLACEABLE ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF NORTH AMERICA AS WELL AS OF EUROPE. SIMILARLY THE SUBSTANTIAL FORCES OF THE EUROPEAN ALLIES SERVE TO DEFEND EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA AS WELL. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE WILL TO COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THEIR COMMON DEFENSE OBLIGES THEM TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR FORCES. THEY BELIEVE THAT EACH COUNTRY SHOULD UNDERTAKE, ACCORDING TO ITS PLACE IN THE ALLIANCE, ITS PROPER SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF MAINTAINING  
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THE SECURITY OF ALL.

8. THE ALLIES ARE CONVINCED THAT THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR COMMON AIMS REQUIRES THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL TRUST. THESE ARE AS NECESSARY FOR DETENTE AS FOR DEFENSE, WHICH ARE, THEY REPEAT, COMPLEMENTARY. THE ALLIES WISH TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ESSENTIAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IS SUPPORTED BY HARMONIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS SO THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE BENEFITS FROM THE STRENGTH - POLITICAL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY - OF THE OTHERS. TO THIS END THEY UNDERTAKE TO KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PRACTICE OF FRANK AND TIMELY CONSULTATION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR COMMON INTERESTS. IN THE SPIRIT OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP, AND BASED ON THE PURPOSES THEY

SHARE, THEY WILL USE ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS OF CONSULTATION, ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR EVOLVING RELATIONS. THEY WILL IN PARTICULAR WORK TO REMOVE SOURCES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ONE ANOTHER.

9. THEY RECALL THAT THEIR SOLIDARITY IS BASED ON A COMMON DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, WHICH ARE THE

FRUITS OF THEIR SHARED SPIRITUAL HERITAGE AND WHICH THEY ARE RESOLVED TO UPHOLD. SINCE THESE PRINCIPLES, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, FORBID ANY RECOURSE TO METHODS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE THEY REAFFIRM THAT THE EFFORTS WHICH THEY MAKE TO PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, TO MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THEIR PEOPLES EXCLUDE ALL FORMS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ANYONE, ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND ARE DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IN EUROPE, THEIR OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE THE PURSUIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH EVERY EUROPEAN COUNTRY. IN THE WORLD AT LARGE, THEY RECOGNIZE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PROSPERITY AND POVERTY KNOW NO FRONTIERS, AND AN OPEN AND EQUITABLE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL.

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10. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE THUS REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE AIMS AND IDEALS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY DURING THIS YEAR OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS SIGNATURE. THE MEMBER NATIONS LOOK TO THE FUTURE, CONFIDENT THAT THE VITALITY AND CREATIVITY OF THEIR PEOPLES ARE COMMENSURATE WITH THE CHALLENGES WHICH CONFRONT THEM. THEY DECLARE THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN BUILDING THE STRUCTURE OF PEACE WHICH THEY ARE DETERMINED TO SEEK. END TEXT. RUSH

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